GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF COAL TO INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Western Coalfields Limited has not allotted coal to the local industries despite their demand and as a result thereof these are forced to purchase costlier coal from open market;

(b) if so, whether the Government will consider to allot W.C.L. coal to the local industries; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Government to give them necessary assistance?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): Coal to various consumers is released on the basis of linkage/Maximum Permissible Quantity (MPQ) determined on year to year basis. A certain percentage of cut was imposed by Coal India Limited (CIL) on various industries during April-June,2004 due to implementation of contingency plan to meet the requirement of power utilities which were in distress.

(b) & (c): Supplies to consumers have already been restored fully from July, 2004 onwards and Western Coalfields Ltd. has initiated steps to release coal to the extent of 100% of their entitlement.